consultation with expertise available in the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.

(b) to (d) There is no technical manpower in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. The Ministry had moved a proposal for creation a small complement of 'Technical Cell" in the Ministry, consisting of 1 Superintending Engineer, 2 Executive Engineers, 4 Assistant Executive Engineers, 3 Personal Assistants, 1 Upper Division Clerk and 2 Peons. The proposal has not been approved by the Ministry of Finance as of now.

**Projects under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for NER**

2153. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total of 663 projects have been sanctioned at an approved cost of Rs. 4.151 crores under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many projects have been sanctioned for Assam along out of 663 projects under NLCPR?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine (759) projects at an approved cost of Rs. 5096.98 crore have sanctioned up to 28.02.2006 under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North Eastern Region.

(b) Details are available on our website <www.mdoner.gov.in>

(c) Out of total 759 projects sanctioned for North Eastern Region under NLCPR, 234 projects have been sanctioned for Assam up to 28.02.2006.

**Fund for Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal**

†2154. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that package of 90 crores rupees was announced

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.